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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the office action mailed, August 6, 2007, the specification was objected to as having a number of informalities. The drawings were objected to as missing cross-hatching designations. The Examiner has also rejected claims 2, 3, 15, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 2, 3, 9, 16, 17, 19-24, 28, and 29 were rejected under § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 4-8, 10, 11, 12-14; and 25-27.

With this amendment, the informalities to the specification have been corrected. FIG. 3 has been amended to include the corrected cross-hatching designating a metal as suggested by the Examiner. Although the Examiner has also suggested representing the transmission line 301 and the via connections 303 in a perpendicular manner, Applicant does not believe this is necessary as the reference to this perpendicular orientation is merely an alternative embodiment as now noted in the amended specification. Moreover, since this orientation is not specifically claimed in this manner, Applicant respectfully asserts that amended FIG. 3 meets the requirement of Rule 83 and the claimed invention need not be drawn in this manner.

Finally with regard the rejections on the merits, all of the claim rejections under §§ 112(1) and (2) have now been canceled. These rejections should now be rendered moot by this amendment. All rejected claims have been canceled.

As all of the outstanding issues have been corrected by this amendment, Applicant further asserts that claims 2, 3, 9, 16, 17, 19-24, 28, and 29 are now in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would expedite the allowance of this application, he is requested to telephone the undersigned.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Moreover, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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